with paragraph (a) of this section must provide evidence of maintaining the standard of competence as set out in Table A-VI/2-2 of the STCW Code every 5 years.

- (2) The Coast Guard will accept onboard training and experience, through evidence of 1 year of sea service within the last 5 years, as meeting the requirements of paragraph (b)(1) of this section for the following areas, as set out in Table A-VI/2-2 of the STCW Code:
- (i) Taking charge of a fast rescue boat during and after launch, including—
- (A) Controlling safe launching, operating of the engine, and recovering a fast rescue boat:
- (B) Handling a fast rescue boat in prevailing weather and sea conditions;
- (C) Using communication and signaling equipment between the fast rescue boat and a helicopter and a ship;
- (D) Using the emergency equipment carried; and
- (E) Carrying out search patterns, taking account of environmental factors
 - (ii) [Reserved]
- (3) The Coast Guard will only accept evidence of assessments conducted ashore as meeting the requirements of paragraph (b)(1) of this section for the areas not included in paragraph (b)(2) of this section, as set out in Table A-VI/2-2 of the STCW Code.
- (4) Applicants who cannot meet the requirement for 1 year of sea service within the last 5 years, as described in paragraph (b)(2) of this section, will be required to meet the requirements of paragraph (a)(3) of this section or complete approved or accepted refresher training.

§ 12.619 Requirements to qualify for an STCW endorsement as medical first-aid provider.

- (a) To qualify for an STCW endorsement as medical first-aid provider, an applicant must—
- (1) Provide evidence of successful completion of an approved course in medical first aid; and
- (2) Provide evidence of meeting the standard of competence specified in Table A-VI/4-1 of the STCW Code (in-

corporated by reference, see §12.103 of this part).

- (b) An applicant holding one of the following credentials is qualified for an endorsement as medical first-aid provider:
- (1) A valid professional license listed in §11.807(a)(5) or (a)(6) of this subchapter, without restriction or limitation placed upon it by the issuing State
- (2) A rating listed in §11.807(a)(7) or (a)(8) of this subchapter.

§ 12.621 Requirements to qualify for an STCW endorsement as person in charge of medical care.

- (a) To qualify for an STCW endorsement as person in charge of medical care, an applicant must—
- (1) Provide evidence of successful completion of an approved course that leads to an endorsement for seafarers designated to take charge of medical care onboard a ship; and
- (2) Provide evidence of meeting the standard of competence specified in Table A-VI/4-2 of the STCW Code (incorporated by reference, see §12.103 of this part).
- (b) An applicant holding any of the following credentials is qualified for an endorsement as person in charge of medical care:
- (1) A valid professional license listed in §11.807(a)(5) or (a)(6) of this subchapter, without restriction or limitation placed upon it by the issuing State.
- (2) A rating listed in 11.807(a) or a)(8) of this subchapter.

§ 12.623 Requirements to qualify for an STCW endorsement as Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) at-sea maintainer.

To qualify for an STCW endorsement as GMDSS at-sea maintainer, an applicant must—

- (a) Be not less than 18 years of age;
- (b) Provide evidence of-
- (1) Successful completion of a training program that covers at least the scope and content of the training outlined in Section B-IV/2 of the STCW Code (incorporated by reference, see §12.103 of this part); or
- (2) Passing an approved GMDSS atsea maintainer course; and